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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, There are over five million individuals living with a pre-existing condition, over two million individuals enrolled in Medicare, and 3.2 million individuals enrolled in Medicaid in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Attorneys General from 18 states, along with two governors, have filed suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas and obtained a ruling that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional; and

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WHEREAS, This ruling, if upheld by a higher court, would threaten the health and insurance coverage of millions of Illinoisans; it would cause consumer protections to vanish overnight and would unleash chaos in our health care system; and

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WHEREAS, Specifically, the over five million people in Illinois living with pre-existing conditions like cancer, asthma, or diabetes could face exorbitantly high rates or be denied coverage all together; and

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WHEREAS, Over 650,000 people in Illinois could lose their health care coverage through the forced repeal of the Medicaid expansion, the continued attacks on the Medicaid program by the

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1 Trump administration through provisions such as the work
2 requirement, and the potential loss of tax credit subsidies on
3 the Marketplace for over 280,000 Illinoisans; and

4 WHEREAS, Improvements to Medicare, including reduced costs
5 for prescription drugs, would vanish; and

6 WHEREAS, The rulings in this lawsuit could strip away other
7 consumer protections enshrined within the law and beloved by
8 the public, including Essential Health Benefits (e.g.,
9 prescription drugs, substance use treatment, maternity care)
10 and the prohibitions on charging women or older adults more for
11 the same policy as men or younger people; the rulings could
12 also eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for many preventive
13 services and protections allowing young people under the age of
14 26 to stay on a parent's health plan; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinoisans have shown their support of the ACA,
16 including maintaining the ACA's protection for pre-existing
17 conditions; and

18 WHEREAS, Instead of actively working to gut health coverage
19 and pre-existing condition protections, the Trump
20 Administration should focus on helping people gain access to
21 health care coverage that they and their families need to stay
22 healthy; and

1 WHEREAS, The ACA and Medicaid support our State in assuring
2 "the health, safety and welfare of the people", "legal, social
3 and economic justice", and "opportunity for the fullest
4 development of the individual", all of which are ordained
5 intentions of our state government noted in the Preamble of the
6 Illinois Constitution; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we affirm our support
9 for the Affordable Care Act and the Medicaid program; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
13 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
14 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
15 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
16 Delegation.